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FRANK FRISCH IS LEADER AMONG THIRDSACKERS IN BIG SHOW POSSIBILITIES THE THIRD BASEMEN

Player	Club	G.	P.O.	A.	E.	T.C.	D.P.	Pct.
Frank Frisch, Giants	138	212	387	24	623	51	961	
Frank Baker, Yankees	85	91	170	11	272	14	960	
Clyde Barnhart, Pirates	100	81	170	12	263	11	954	
Larry Gardner, Indians	130	146	311	24	481	25	950	
Mike McNally, Yankees	43	87	7	141	6	950		

Baseball again may see the grand old third-base warrior, J. Franklin Baker, in world series competition. "Home Run Frank," whose circuit clouts against the Giants in 1911 and 1913 made baseball history, may get another chance to try out his home run bat against Giant pitching this fall. At the age of thirty-five Baker still is a useful member of the Yankees, though twice this season he has been forced to the sidelines. Huggins, however, was fortunate in having a worthy third-base substitute in Mike McNally, whose brilliant work at the hot corner featured the Yankee drive in late August and September.

However, if the Giants and Yankees hook up in the world series, the advantage would be with the New York National League club, unless the spirit of past world series would carry Baker to new fields of glory.

In Frankie Frisch the Giants have one of the real stars of the present generation. Considering Frisch's ability from every angle, batting ability, base-running skill, fielding prowess and a winning disposition, the writer regards the former Fordham player as the most valuable player in the National League today.

Came From Fordham. Frisch has been a star for the Giants almost from the day that he came to the New York Nationals from Fordham in mid-season of 1919. The "Fordham Flash," as New York has nicknamed the player, does equally well at third or second base, and had McGraw permitted him to remain at second there is no doubt that he would have become the Eddie Collins of the National League.

His great speed, which has made him the leading baserunner of his league, also comes into good stead in Frisch's fielding, and his stops of balls hit behind second base are particularly brilliant.

Frisch leads the third basing rival contenders in both fielding and hitting. He also has made eight home runs against nine for Baker, though Frisch has taken part in considerably more games.

Larry Gardner, like Frank Baker, is a veteran of numerous world series wars, and if the Indians again represent the American League in the October classic, third base will be one of Cleveland's strongest positions.

As Old As Baker. Gardner is the same age as Frank Baker, thirty-five, and in some respects the Vermont boy has worn better than the Maryland farmer. For one thing Larry's legs have held up much better.

Larry was hitting .321 when our averages were closed, ten points behind Frankie Frisch. Like Baker, Gardner has hit three world's series home runs in four series, though his homers were not as spectacular as those hit by Baker. Larry made two against Brooklyn in successive games in 1916, though on the whole his world's series batting averages usually have been disappointing.

Gardner's world series averages, which have been poor for a normal .300 hitters, are as follows: 1912, against Giants, .179; 1915, against Phillies, .135; 1916, against Brooklyn, .176; 1920, against Brooklyn, .208.

Are Far Better. Frank Baker's world series marks are better: 1910, against Cubs, .409; 1911, against Giants, .378; 1913, against Giants, .460; 1914, against Braves, .250.

Pittsburgh's third baseman, Clyde Barnhart, hardly ranks with the other men under discussion, though he is a splendid fielder and a player with lots of promise.

However, this is Barnhart's first season in the big leagues as a regular, and he has still much to learn. Youngsters like Tierney and Barnhart will be the big question marks of the world series if Pittsburgh wins the National League pennant.

Statistics and figures fail to give an accurate line on such youngsters, and their play often is a matter of disposition. They may rise to unexpected heights during the excitement of a big series or, on the other hand, in trying to do too much they may fall ignominiously.

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Fans Twenty-two. "Lanky" Roache, pitching for the Spartans A. C., whiffed twenty-two batters, but lost his game by a 7-to-2 score.

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DANGEROUS DAN HITS THE TRAIL FOR GRIFF TOWN

Galveston's Giant Likely to Make Pitching Debut Against Tigers This Week.

"Dangerous Dan" McGrew, Galveston's mountainous flinger, has started for Washington. He is due to report to Manager McBride by Wednesday, and is almost certain to be seen on the mound opposing the White Sox or Tigers this week.

President Griffith did not expect McGrew to report for a trial with the Washington Club until next spring and was surprised to receive a telegram from Texas that the big pitcher was on his way. Needless to say, President Griffith and Manager McBride were pleased at the information.

McGrew is said to be taller and bigger than Bryan Harris, Connie Mack's star flinger. "Dangerous Dan" is said to stand six feet six inches in his bare toes. All accounts have him coming to the big league to stay. Indeed, certain Yankee scouts predict McGrew will outshine Bryan Harris.

Manager McBride will very likely start Tom Phillips and Ralph Miller in the games yet to be played here. These two newcomers are showing up the best in the morning practices being staged at the ball yard. Phillips has more experience than most of the rookies and looks good enough to hold his own right now.

BALTIMORE SEMI-PROS

CHALLENGE GIBRALTAR

Gibraltar A. C., independent sandlot champion of Washington, is challenged to a double-header to be played here next Sunday by the Semi-Professional League All-Stars of Baltimore. The Baltimoreans defeated the Frederick Blue Ridge League club and claim to be the strongest team in Maryland, aside from the Baltimore International.

F. Ostendorf, of 225 North Linwood avenue, Baltimore, is manager of the All-Stars.

M'GRAW HAS HIS SEVENTH PENNANT WELL IN HAND

By JACK VIEOCK.

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—John Joseph McGraw is about to string up his seventh National League pennant. John's surprising New York Giants are as good as in with the 1921 gonfalon today, and while they haven't clinched it mathematically, nothing but a miracle can stop them now.

With a four-and-one-half-game lead over the Pittsburgh Pirates, New York has easy sailing ahead for the task confronting George Gibson's team, should they win the pennant, is mountainous.

The Giants have ten more games to play, providing they play out their scheduled completely. If they break even from now on Pittsburgh must win eleven out of a possible thirteen games to win out by the narrowest of margins. With this situation prevailing it is quite probable that New York will clinch the pennant during the present week. The Giants have one more game at Pittsburgh today.

How They Stand.

The up-to-the-minute standings in the National League follow:

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
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New York	90	54	.625
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Pittsburgh	84	67	.556
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The American League presents a pennant race today that is still a toss-up between the New York Yankees and the Champion Cleveland Indians.

The Yankees, by winning Sunday, while the Indians lost, regained first place, which they now hold by two points.

There is little to choose between the teams from a standpoint of what each has in back of it. The Yankees, for instance, have the best of the playing schedule. The Indians have the edge in the way of morale.

Indians Meet Yankees.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday next the race in the junior major league should be definitely decided. On these days Cleveland will invade the Polo Grounds to come to grips with the Yankees, and each team has a series to play before they meet the three games will probably be all that will be needed to settle the issue. The Indians were not scheduled today. The Yankees were at home with the Phillies.

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St. Louis	78	51	.605
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Washington	76	52	.593
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TODAY'S GAMES.

Chicago at Boston. St. Louis at Philadelphia.

Yesterday's Games.

Washington, 4; Cleveland, 1.

New York, 4; Detroit, 2.

NATIONAL.

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New York	87	57	.604
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Pittsburgh	84	59	.587
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St. Louis	81	54	.600
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Boston	76	57	.571
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Boston at Cincinnati. Philadelphia at St. Louis.

Yesterday's Games.

Cincinnati, 6-10; Boston, 3-2.

Chicago, 1-5; Brooklyn, 6-1.

St. Louis, 3; Philadelphia, 4.

JOHNSON SHOWS CHAMPIONS HE'S STILL SOME PITCHER

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

Walter Johnson doesn't intend letting his meal ticket fall into the second division, not if it means turning back the world champions or any other little thing like that. He prefers to perform for a first division outfit, and for that reason he went out yesterday, overcame strange fits of wildness on his part and humbled the Cleveland Indians, 4 to 1.

Johnson has looked better on occasions this season, but seldom has he been more effective in the pinches. When necessity demanded the Kansan was right on the job. He forced Elmer Smith to fly to San Rice in the third, leaving the bases populated, and in the sixth he whiffed Stan Coveleskie with every sack adorned by an Indian. That was hurling extraordinary.

Pat Gharriy, who has been idling on the bench while his poisoned dog was undergoing repairs, busted up the game in the sixth. For five frames Johnson and Coveleskie fought an even fight, neither having any advantage. The fun began with the sixth. It also ended with the sixth.

Two were dead when Larry Gardner, steadily declining to grow old, whacked safely to center. Johnson appeared to ascend into the air with that bingle and walked the next three batters. The pass to O'Neil forced Gardner over the dish with what appeared to be the winning run. Then Johnson came down to earth and fanned Coveleskie.

Pat Gharriy Appears. It was more or less gloom that the Griffs came in for their whacks in the sixth. That one run threatened to swing the gate closed on them. Stan Coveleskie's reputation was having its effect. And then, showing the rapidity with which things can change in baseball, Sam Rice beat out a bounder to Larry Gardner and the fans were roaring. They sniffed what was coming.

Some said that Gardner loafed on Rice, taking his time about coming up for the peg. The Indian had to go far to his left, pick up a badly-bouncing ball while facing second base and then, turning, throw to first. With a fast bird like Rice sailing down the line, it was almost an impossibility for him to get the runner. He didn't, but no blame should go to him on that account.

The fans were roaring for "Goose" Gossin to get a hit, but the rookie compromised by taking a walk, bringing up Hank Shanks. Then, not to be outdone, he took a walk, bringing up Hank Shanks. Then, not to be outdone, he took a walk, bringing up Hank Shanks.

Don't Bush and, greatly to the fans' delight, sent in Pat Gharriy. The biggest catcher was given an ovation on his parade to the plate.

Gharriy Turns Trick. Coveleskie realized the difficulties of the situation and tried his best to get rid of Gharriy. He failed. Pat banged a sizzling grounder down the third base line outside of Gardner but inside of the bag. Over the plate came Rice and Gossin and Pat himself reached second on the throw to the infield. The Griffs were ahead.

Val Picinich waited around and took four wild pitches. Then he kept the cheering going, and it became deafening when Walter Johnson belted a single to left field, scoring Gharriy. To the surprise of everybody, including the Indians, Picinich went around to third base, reaching it with a pretty slide. Joe Judge's long fly to Wood scored Picinich with the fourth and final tally. The big inning had been staged. The Griffs were ahead to stay.

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Joe Judge turned in the most brilliant bit of fielding. In the third frame after Steve O'Neill had jounced a single to center, Coveleskie attempted to sacrifice and raised a puny fly toward first base. Judge was in like a flash and, with arms outstretched, just managed to corral that dropping ball. Hot dog!

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CENTRAL STAFF GETS DR. WHITE FOR ATHLETICS

Former Georgetown Man Appears at High School, Other Mentors Returning Today.

Dr. G. Harris White, former Georgetown University pitcher, for many years a member of the Chicago White Sox and afterwards minor league manager, is now a member of the Central High School faculty.

While no announcement has been made as to Dr. White's appointment in the public school system from Central, it has been known for some time that he has been awaiting the outcome of examinations.

The appearance of Dr. White at Central today leaves little doubt but that he will be prominently identified with athletics, and physical training at the institution. It is more than likely that he will handle baseball this spring.

All doubts as to the failure of athletic directors George F. Green, of Western; Charles Guyon, of Eastern; and Michael Kelley, of Business, were removed by the appearance of the men at their posts this morning.

All five high schools will have the same football mentors who, coached last season, C. A. Metzler returning to Central and William M. Apple being on the job at Tech.

Westovers Win. The Westover A. C. handed the Emerald A. C. a 15-to-3 defeat yesterday on the Monument Grounds. Burke, for the winners, allowed the green nine only three scattered hits, while his teammates were gathering fifteen hits and fifteen runs. House and Noone each made three hits.

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